

## THE PRESIDENT'S STATE MEETING

Even Senator Hill, in Genial Mood, Permits Him to Dominate State Committee, and Harmony Prevails.

### COMMITTEEMEN SEEM TO FAVOR MCLELLAN.

All Believe, However, that Mayoralty Nomination Will Go to Manhattan and Strenuous Efforts Will Be Made to Elect.

(Special to The Evening World.) ALBANY, N. Y., Sept. 5.—Leader Charles F. Murphy was easily the factor at the meeting of the State Committee today. Seated near Senator Hill, Attorney-General Cullen, "Jim" Shevlin, of Brooklyn, and John N. Carlisle, he directed the work of the committee toward harmony. His efforts were applauded by the up-State men as well as the Tammany leaders, who were present in full force.

"There is no question now," said Mr. Murphy, "of the harmonious relations existing between our political brethren throughout the State. Senator Hill and the men of his calibre, together with the forces behind him, are bending their energies toward the success, first of the party's ticket in Great New York, second, in the direction of winning the coming Presidential election."

"Regarding the local situation, it is indeed promising and seems already assured of success."

"Are you still wedded to the cause of Congressman McClellan?" asked of Congressman McClellan by a member of the State Committee.

"I shall have nothing to say on the subject of Congressman McClellan's possible nomination at this time. I believe that it is apparent from the fusionists will nominate."

A resolution introduced by Murphy for the election of United States Senators by popular vote instead of by the Legislature was unanimously adopted.

Justice Denis O'Brien, of the Court of Appeals, was unanimously endorsed for renomination.

The resignation of John F. Carroll, as a member of the State Committee, was accepted and the resignation of John F. Carroll was accepted and the resignation of John F. Carroll was accepted.

Senator Hill was in genial mood before the meeting of the Committee today.

"All is harmony in city and State," he said to an Evening World reporter.

"Not in ten years have the Democrats of the north and south ends of the State been in such a better mood. Truly there is to be a solid unification of State and city political interests with the result—here the Senator deliberated for a moment—"that we will carry New York State at the next Presidential election."

The Senator spoke emphatically. "Yes," he added, "we will carry New York for the Democratic candidate."

He declined to hazard an opinion as to the candidate, simply saying: "There are several good men, any one of whom can get the full Democratic State vote."

Elliot F. Danforth was a guest at Senator Hill's residence last night. They talked over the situation of city and State, which seems to have been attained by the coming together of Murphy and Hill.

Democratic Harmony.

"There never was a better picture of Democratic harmony than that presented today," said Mr. Danforth. "We are all shoulder to shoulder at the political wheel this year—the city and State Democratic municipal ticket. Victory in New York means much for the effect it will have on the Presidential election."

Not since the last Presidential campaign has so much interest been manifested by its members in the meeting of the State Committee. This fact is attributed by politicians to the uncertainty about the coming together of Murphy and Hill.

David B. Hill, when seen after he came into town, said that he had prepared to declare a preference for the "General" as Chairman of the State Committee.

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Workmen Injured While Making Repairs at Stern Brothers.

Four men were injured in an elevator accident this afternoon in the department store of Stern Brothers, West Twenty-third street, after it was closed for the day.

One of the elevators had become disabled and was out of service. A temporary one was rigged and the four men were working. Suddenly the supporting rope broke and they fell to the bottom of the shaft.

In response to an ambulance call Dr. Thorne went to the store from New York Hospital. He found that John J. McMahon was the injured man. The other three were William Hamilton, of No. 165 Grand avenue, Jersey City; Thomas Gardiner, of No. 185 Grand avenue, Jersey City; and Thomas Olsen, of No. 205 Cole street, Brooklyn. They all went to the hospital.

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## WIFE KILLS MURDERER OF HER HUSBAND

Mrs. Mary Melcrone and Her Daughter Narrowly Escape Death in Their Home Early Under Queer Circumstances.

### ANONYMOUS LETTERS THREATEN MURDER.

Handwriting in These Epistles the Work of One Person—Neighbors Scout Existence of Plan to Injure the Women.

The home of Mrs. Mary Melcrone and her daughter, Mamie, twenty-two years old, at No. 236 Twelfth street, Brooklyn, was destroyed by fire this morning and their lives were imperiled. All women allege that an enemy who has been writing them anonymous letters started the fire in an attempt to blow up the house and in support of their statement they show a letter received at their house yesterday making specific threats to blow the domicile to pieces unless they should move out of the neighborhood before midnight.

Here is a copy of the letter, which is now in the hands of the police:

"Madam: Unless you and your daughter move out of that house by midnight Friday night and stay out of the neighborhood for good the house will be blown up by a bomb. This is the final warning."

"You must move."

"We are banded together to get rid of you. We will not even stop at murder now."

"So if you will save your lives move before midnight."

"THE NEIGHBORS."

Accuses One of Her Neighbors.

Mrs. Melcrone has no hesitancy in making a direct accusation against one of her neighbors. This person, she alleges, entered the house after 1 o'clock in the morning, placed a dynamite bomb in the basement, lit the fuse and fled. The person accused says that he was sound asleep in his home when he was awakened by Mrs. Melcrone and her daughter crying "Fire!" on the sidewalk in front of their house, that there was no sign of fire at that time and that there was no explosion.

John James, whose home next door to that of the Melcrone was damaged by the fire, says that he was awakened by a sound that might have been an explosion. Altogether it is a very puzzling case, in which a number of people are involved, and about the only tangible feature of it thus far is the wreck of the Melcrone home.

Anonymous letters form the groundwork of the sensational mystery. These letters have been received by Mrs. Melcrone and her daughter at frequent intervals for a year, by Dr. F. J. Ward, of No. 146 Fourteenth street, for several months, and have been received in the neighborhood at infrequent intervals.

Letters All in the Same Writing.

The letters to Mrs. Melcrone and her daughter were threatening scrawls. No one but Miss Melcrone can read them. The other letters were more legible, but even these were written in a cursive hand.

Mrs. Melcrone says that she and her daughter paid no particular attention to the letter they received yesterday and went out to visit friends in the evening, returning home about 10 o'clock. They found the house in flames and were unable to save for a gasoline stove, and prepared a cup of chocolate. Before midnight they retired.

About 2 o'clock, the women say, they were awakened by an explosion, and found the house in flames. They ran to the street and gave the alarm. Before going to their rooms, which were on the second floor, they saw the fire in the basement, but saw nothing unusual.

The matter of the anonymous letters has been discussed by the police and by Dr. Ward and, naturally, they went to see him after the explosion. He made a statement that the following is a condensation:

Advised to Marry Miss Melcrone.

"About a year ago I began receiving letters addressed to me, signed 'Mamie Melcrone,' the 'sweet dreamer' of Twelfth street. I was surprised to learn that the letters were addressed to me when they began to arrive with alarming frequency. Most of them were in cursive handwriting."

"I was advised in the letters that if I would marry this girl my practice would be increased and my wife would never see this I thought it strange, but I received no more for about six months, when I was called up on the telephone by a woman who said she was Mamie Melcrone. She said she had received letters and suggested that I call around to her house and we could discuss the matter."

"I went around and met Mrs. Melcrone, who would not talk about the letters, but insisted upon talking about her daughter and how advantageous it would be for her to marry a doctor. When I went to the police office and an investigation was made. From what I have been informed the inspectors are pretty well satisfied as to the authorship of the letters."

Another Doctor Gets Letters.

"Dr. Sherwood, of Seney Hospital, received several letters similar to those which reached me. Mamie Melcrone was once a patient in Seney Hospital and Dr. Sherwood treated her."

Walter J. a pressman, employed on a Manhattan newspaper, lived in the Melcrone home. He was in the house with his wife last summer. He moved out in the latter part of July on account of trouble with Mrs. Melcrone and her daughter.

We moved in on May 1st," said Mr. Taylor, who lives at No. 236 Twelfth street, a few doors from the Melcrone home. "We had been there for a month when the letters began to talk to my wife about the letters. Finally she accused my wife of writing the letters and my wife told me that she had received the letters."

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## BRIDE OF W. H. ELLIS, WHO WENT WITH HIM TO VISIT KING MENELEK.



## TOOK HIS BRIDE TO SEE KING MENELEK

William Henry Ellis, Moor of Wall Street, Secretly Wedded Recently, on a Remarkable Mission to Abyssinia.

## EAGLES LOST IN GOTHAM'S MAZES

Many Members of the Fraternal Order Have Wandered Off Main Street and Are Confused by the City's Din.

Should a total stranger of good appearance approach you on the street and insist that you accompany him to the nearest saloon for refreshments do not repulse him to-day. In all probability he will prove to be a belated Eagle.

The town is full of Eagle delinquents. They have been flying around so rapidly for the past week that many have lost their sense of location. More have forgotten the names of their hotels. This is the day on which they were to have an extra reception at the headquarters of the order.

Mr. Ellis was accompanied by his bride, formerly Miss Maude Sheymond, to whom he was married secretly a few days ago, and an emissary of King Menelek II., who came to New York recently to consult with the Emperor.

In the past few weeks Mr. Ellis has purchased some wonderful presents which he will lay at the feet of the Abyssinian monarch and his Queen. They consist mostly of jewels of rare workmanship and great value, among them a gold-mounted revolver set with diamonds and engraved with King Menelek's name and formidable title.

Mr. Ellis will move on the Abyssinian capital with his caravan and a force of several hundred servants. The equipment of this caravan will cost about \$20,000. It will move slowly through the country. In order that the tribesmen of King Menelek may get an idea of the wonderful importance of the stranger who goes among them to raise the level of the standard of a world power.

Among other things, Mr. Ellis intends to establish an Abyssinian bank, bring about friendly commercial relations with all the countries of the world, train the army to the highest standard of modern warfare and systematize the laws and form of government. In this he expects the full cooperation of King Menelek.

This will only be a first step in the direction of a grand aim. With these preliminaries completed, Mr. Ellis will proclaim Abyssinia as the modern world, where all negroes of the world may find refuge among their own. In fact, Mr. Ellis believes that he can save the world from the color line by all by drawing the world's color line about the boundaries of Abyssinia.

CAPT. HANBURY, FIREMAN, IS DEAD.

Was Noted for His Great Physical Strength and Had Reputation as Gaelic Scholar.

Capt. Patrick Hanbury, of Hook and Ladder No. 4, is dead at Southold, L. I., after a long and severe illness which resulted from exposure at the big fire last winter. He spent the summer at Southold, where he went in hope of improving his health.

The Captain was known as the Samson of the local Fire Department, being the most powerful man who ever wore the blue of the service. He was appointed to the department Jan. 7, 1888, because of his strength and his knowledge of the fire service. He was a fireman for many years and a foreman, or captain, June 1, 1901.

His name appears on the roll of merit Nov. 26, 1890, March 11, 1896 and Jan. 6, 1897. He had the reputation of being one of the most efficient, painstaking and conscientious firemen in the city.

Among Gaelic scholars Capt. Hanbury bore a notable reputation. His love for and mastery of the tongue was so great that he instructed his wife and children in the language and insisted on its being used altogether in their home discourse. The funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Before any one could reach him, however, he was brushed off the sand bar by a wave and whirled under the surf. When he was pulled out he was so far gone that the efforts of Dr. Schenck, of Rockaway Beach, to resuscitate him were unsuccessful.

The boy was later identified as Joseph Travaglia, whose mother, Anna Travaglia, is employed at No. 221 First avenue, Manhattan.

Boy of Fourteen Meets with an Odd Death While Bathing at Rockaway Beach This Afternoon.

A boy of fourteen was drowned in the surf off Rockaway Beach this afternoon in spite of the efforts of a score of bathers to save him.

The boy swam to a sand bar that the low tide had left clear and lay down and went to sleep. He was roused by a wave, and seeing the line of breakers between him and the shore, cried for help.

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## TO TRY POLICEMEN ON GRAFT CHARGE

Six Precinct Detectives to Appear Before Commissioner Greene and Answer to Formal Complaints Against Them.

### HOGAN TO BE A WITNESS.

Prosecution Grows Out of the Magistrate's Assertion that There Is as Much Crookedness in the Department as There Ever Was.

As a result of Magistrate Hogan's charges of police graft, which were ignored by Police Commissioner Greene for several weeks, charges were filed today against six policemen of different precincts, against whom Magistrate Hogan will appear as the chief witness.

These charges embrace conduct unbecoming an officer, neglect of duty and conspiracy to secure the discharge of prisoners.

The accused policemen who will be tried next week are: Robert E. Ullman, of the Old Slip Station, and his side partner as a precinct detective, John F. Gilligan; Frank Richards, of the Mulberry Street Station; William Boyle; John J. O'Rourke and George H. Zimmerman, of the West Thirty-seventh Street Station, all precinct detectives.

One of the charges against Ullman and Gilligan is that on Aug. 2 last they arrested Thomas Jones, of No. 37 Walworth street, on a charge of running a handbook and when Jones was arraigned before Magistrate Hogan they conspired to withhold evidence upon which the man could have been convicted.

In addition to this charge Ullman is accused of conduct unbecoming a gentleman and an officer. This charge is based on the following dialogue between Ullman and Magistrate Hogan:

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## TURKS WANT WAR, POWERS GET READY

Porte's Troops Cross to Bulgaria; While Sultan's Advisers in All-Night Conference Urge Declaration of Hostilities.

### SITUATION NEARS CRISIS.

Secret Alliance Between Russia and Bulgaria Denied and Nations Declared to Be Acting in Harmony—American Marines Not Asked For.

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